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A WORD FROM THE BISHOP

Dear Partners in Ministry,

Having recently returned from several weeks of crabbing, berry picking and the physical work of building steps from the beach to our cabin, I am very much aware of the need we have for renewal in our lives. Basic to that renewal is our daily recognition of the gift of life given to us by a loving God. Beyond that I have a hard time recognizing the need my body has for daily renewal in the form of exercise. These past days of vacation and work exercise have brought me renewed energy and enthusiasm.

Our bodies are also a gift from a loving God and are part of that stewardship of life to which we are called. I am well aware of our preoccupation with the work of ministry that absorbs us. How easy it is to neglect the stewardship of our bodies and our health.

Will you join me as we move into the fall schedule in being better stewards of our lives by regularly getting some exercise for our bodies, and taking the time to relax and relate to our families and friends?

Sincerely in Christ,

Lowell E. Knutson

Bishop Lowell Knutson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINNISH BISHOP VISITS SEATTLE

Later this month **Bishop Erik Vikstrom** will be visiting Seattle on a good will tour at the invitation of the International Order of Runeberg. Dr. Vikstrom is Bishop of Borga, Finland, the Swedish-speaking diocese of the Lutheran Church in Finland. He has had experience in the parish ministry as well as service in the mission field in Africa. He is cognizant of life in Finland, especially as it pertains to the Swedish-speaking people and their church, political and economic circumstances. He speaks English quite fluently, as well as several other languages. His brother, John Vikstrom, is the Archbishop of all Lutheran churches in Finland.

A reception/dinner in Bishop Vikstrom's honor will be held at the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle on Saturday, **August 29**. If you would like to come, please call Bonnie Olson, 783-7150. Bishop Vikstrom will be participating in a combined worship service of the Seattle Finnish Lutheran Church and St. John Lutheran Church, Seattle, at St. John on Sunday, **August 30**. You are invited!

BISHOP'S CONVOCATIONS

...how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?

Romans 10:14

The focus of the Bishop's Convocations for 1992-93 will be on preaching. The Bishop's Convocation Committee is pleased to announce that **Pastor John Vannorsdall** will be the speaker for the Bishop's Convocation on **Wednesday, October 14** at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mount Vernon. More information will be sent to all rostered persons in September.

Pastor Vannorsdall, now retired, is one of the outstanding preachers and preaching teachers of our church. He will direct our attention to preaching Matthew's Gospel, with special emphasis on the Sermon on the Mount.

Pastor Vannorsdall will also lead a day-long intensive preaching seminar on **Thursday, October 15.** This seminar, at no cost to participants, will be limited to 8 persons. Each participant will be expected to bring a sermon to the seminar. Registration will be on a first-come basis. Please contact the Synod Office if you are interested.

The Bishop's Convocation on October 14 with **John Vannorsdall** will be an excellent beginning to a year-long conversation on the joys, struggles and importance of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our time and place.

RESULTS OF SYNOD ASSEMBLY SURVEY

by Linda Larson

Delegates to the 1992 Synod Assembly were asked their opinions on several items related to Assembly details. Of particular interest to the Synod Council and those with the responsibility of planning future assemblies were the questions regarding the length of the assembly.

This year's June Assembly was the first time we attempted a two-day event (compared to a 3-day). Reactions were somewhat mixed, reflecting the relative importance delegates gave to the traditional four foci of synod assemblies: business, worship, learning, and fellowship.

When asked to choose a preferred format, 269 delegates responded as follows:

3-day format	37	14%
2-day format	172	64%
Alternating 2/3 days	54	20%
Other	4	1%

In responding to the request to choose between a Friday/Saturday or a Saturday/Sunday option for a two-day event, 262 persons responded as follows:

Friday/Saturday	210	80%
Saturday/Sunday	52	20%

The Synod Council discussed the results of the survey and noted that the strong option for a Friday/Saturday schedule could be due to the fact that those in attendance were there on Friday and Saturday. Reports from several sources indicated that some congregations had difficulty sending the full allotment of lay delegates because of the conflict with weekday employment.

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SYNOD ASSEMBLY SURVEY (cont.)

The Synod Council voted to schedule a Saturday/Sunday assembly for 1993, if it can be worked out with the hotel, and then evaluate the schedule based on a two-year history. As of press time, negotiations with the hotel are still in progress, attempting to find dates in June of 1993 that will work. Watch this space in next month's ***Soundings*** for finalized dates for the 1993 Synod Assembly.

In future years, the length of the Assembly (two days vs. three days) will be determined by the Synod Council, based on time needed to complete the agenda. Tentative plans for 1994 are for a three-day Synod Assembly at Western Washington University in Bellingham June 17-19, 1994.

Thank you for your participation in the Synod Assembly evaluation/survey. The Synod Assembly Task Force will be using your comments as a resource for planning the 1993 Assembly.

THANKS FROM LINDA

Thank you so much for the expressions of appreciation with which I was showered at the recent Synod Assembly. The plaque is stunning, and will be a continuing reminder of my time as this synod's first secretary.

Jerry and I are looking forward to using the gift certificate to the Lake Quinault Lodge (it really was in the mail, like David promised!). The birthday balloons and flowers have faded, but the memories of the day are dear and will be treasured, along with the memories of the people of this synod with whom it has been my distinct honor and pleasure to serve.

My prayers are with you and the diversity of ministries with which this synod and church fulfill the call of the Gospel. Thanks again!

Pastor Linda Larson

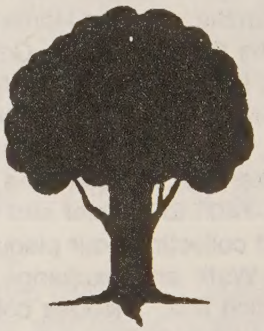
HELP NEEDED FOR HAITIAN REFUGEES

Seattle area churches are invited to respond to the cry for assistance voiced for months by the Haitian refugees. Despite the U.S. involuntary repatriation policy which has forced thousands of Haitians to return to their country, a fortunate few refugees have been allowed entry into the United States to pursue political asylum claims. The Washington Association of Churches Immigration and Refugee Program (WAC/IRP) is currently making preparations to resettle 50 Haitian refugees in the Seattle area this summer.

Churches are requested to contact the IRP office as soon as possible to explore the many forms of assistance presently needed to successfully complete complete this resettlement project. Sponsor congregations for groups of three to five Haitians need to be in place by the end of August. **Melody Lanzolla** is available to speak with you in more detail and to make presentations to your church or missions committee. She can be reached at the IRP office at 443-9219.

OUTDOOR MINISTRIES RECEIVE AWARDS

LOMA and Camp Lutherwood, Bellingham, are each being awarded $3,000 by Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL). The grants are part of an AAL "Year of Outdoor Ministries" emphasis to help Lutheran outdoor ministries effectively market and promote their programs. AAL has committed $675,000 to support the outdoor ministries of all Lutheran church bodies in the U.S. this year.



REGARDING GIFTS TO RBC

Congregations and individuals who make gifts to the Religious Broadcasting Commission (RBC) need to be aware that a sub-committee of the Board of Directors is recommending the dissolution of the RBC by December 31, in the wake of long-range recommendations, reduced funding from denominations, and the September 30 retirement of RBC Director Graley Taylor.

For more information, please contact Mick Hull, Synod Communications Committee chairperson, 392-1871.

WELCOME OUR NEW INTERNS!

When you have the opportunity, please extend a welcome to our new 1992-93 interns: **Jeff Lervik**, Central, Bellingham; **Pamela Pond**, Burlington, Burlington; **Tor Berg**, Sno-King Cluster/Christ, Edmonds; **Timothy Wittwer**, Prince of Peace, Everett; **Arnold Flater**, Trinity, Lynnwood; **Karoline Lewis**, First, Mount Vernon; **Daniel Senter**, St. Matthew's, Renton; **Mark Orvick**, Maple Leaf, Seattle; and **Kathleen Shuck**, Immanuel, Seattle.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAREGIVER'S WALK

You're invited to the second annual Columbia Caregiver's Walk to benefit the residents of Columbia Lutheran Home. On **August 22**, volunteers, resident families, staff and other friends of Columbia Home residents will take to the streets of Ballard to raise funds for the residents of the Home. The goal this year is to buy a wheechair-accessible van and comfortable furnishings for resident rooms.

Columbia Lutheran Home

The three-mile downhill route will begin from Columbia Lutheran Home at 47th and Phinney and finish at the Ram American Grill & Fish House on Shilshole. Join in the finish line party with refreshments and prize drawings for all walkers. Wheelchairs, strollers, and pets are welcome! Beginning at 9:00 a.m., the average walker can complete the route in about an hour. Call 632-7400 to register and receive a sponsor sheet, then start collecting your pledges. Bring them on the day of the Walk and exchange them for your T-shirt at the starting line. Pledges collected after the Walk must be turned into Columbia Lutheran Home by September 15. All prizes will be awarded based on pledges received by this deadline.

See you there!

GIFTED BY GOD–CALLED TO SERVE

The Northwest Washington Synod Women of the ELCA Convention will be held on Saturday, **September 26**, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 13th and Pine, in Snohomish, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

In addition to the business agenda, worship, Bible study, and fellowship, workshops will be offered in the following areas: *Newsletters/Publicity, Peace with Justice, Literacy, Service and Development, Communication Skills, Health/Healing/Nutrition, Offerings Interpretation, Listening Skills, Constitution/Parliamentary Procedure, Resources, Planning an Eventt, Planning a Bible Study, Stewardship/Spirituality, Theology in Service, Cross Cultural Experience, and Affirming Others.*

The offering of money and health kit items will benefit the Church of Mary Magdalene (a church which serves homeless women in downown Seattle), and the national Women of the ELCA.

YOUTH NEWS

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR YOUTH

The ELCA Commission for Multicultural Ministries and the Division for Congregational Ministries/Youth Ministries are jointly developing a project that will ultimately provide 22 young speakers to the ELCA who can articulate, in new and fresh ways, the biblical calling and vision for a diverse and multicultural church.

The name of this project is **Lift Every Voice**, which is made possible by a grant from AAL. Youth and young adults, ages 18-35 are invited to apply. The process is open to all youth and young adults in the ELCA. A total of 22 individuals will be selected. Of these 22, four will be from each of the five ethnic communities (African American, Asian, Hispanic, Native American, and Caucasian), and two participants will be differently abled. Once selected, the youth and young adults will be brought together for five days of training, tentatively scheduled for December 9-13, 1992.

Those who apply to this project will be evaluated on 1) their interest in youth ministry; 2) their commitment to building a multicultural church; 3) their sensitivity to those of other races, cultures, and abilities; and 4) their ability to commit to a three-year education, training, and support process.

Application forms are available in the Synod Office, 783-9292. If you are interested, or know of someone who should be encouraged to apply, applications forms need to be returned to the ELCA **by September 15**.

LET JUSTICE ROLL!

An exciting array of speakers and workshop leaders has been announced for ***Let Justice Roll***, a unique peace and justice event for Region 1 youth to be held **October 10-12** at Holden Village. Among the leaders will be Netsie Griffith, peace educator; Kelly Chatman, urban pastor; Julia Maywald, volunteer coordinator; Geri Schultz, shelter director; Stacy Kitihata, global educator; David Ellingson, Bible study leader; Mark Douglass, music leader. The goal is to train youth advocates for hunger, peace, justice, and environmental concerns.

Attendance is limited to two youth and one adult from each congregation, with the goal of having both male and female youth represented. Cost is $90/person. For details, contact Dave or Boots at 624-0093.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM WORKSHOP

Augsburg Fortress announces a workshop featuring the *REJOICE* curriculum on Thursday, **August 27** at 7:00 p.m. at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 411-156 Ave NE, Bellevue; 746-7300.

The workshop is FREE, and will include the features of the curriculum, the importance of planning for effective teaching, and the opportunity to view resources and materials. Whatever your present curriculum is, come see what Augsburg Fortress has to offer.

For addition information call Amy Plumb, (206) 778-1552 or (800) 426-0115.

WORKSHOPS ON THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE MINISTERIAL RELATIONSHIP

All rostered professional workers are reminded of Bishop Knutson's directive to attend one of the workshops on the prevention of sexual abuse in the ministerial relationship scheduled for fall of 1992 and spring of 1993.

The first workshop on **September 21-22, 1992,** at Peace Lutheran in Silvana is full; call if you wish to be placed on the waiting list. The schedule is Monday, Sept. 21, 12:30-8:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, Sept. 22, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Future workshops are planned for **November 20-21, 1992,** (Friday/Saturday) at St. John, Seattle; and **January 19-20, 1993,** (Tuesday/Wednesday) at St. Matthew's, Edmonds. The workshop scheduled for March 18-19 has been canceled, due to lack of signups.

The workshops will be taught by Pastors **Jim Rismiller** and **Kathy Hawks**, who have been trained by the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence. You will gain an in-depth understanding of the issues of sexual abuse by clergy and other church leaders within the professional relationship. Issues such as identification of situations of abuse, intervention where complaints have occurred, and prevention strategies will be discussed.

If you have not already signed up for one of these workshops, please call the Synod Office at 783-9292 and do so today. Thank you.

ELDER MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

A conference for personal and professional care givers entitled ***Mental Health & the Elderly*** is offered on Wednesday, **September 23**, by Bethany of the Northwest in Everett. Participants will learn how to develop assessment and intervention skills responding to the mental health needs of older persons.

The conference will be held at the Everett Pacific Hotel in Everett. Registration begins at 7:15 a.m., and the program runs from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration is $65, with early registration before September 1 at $60; multiple registrations, $55.

For information and a registration form, call John Corkran at 259-5508, ext. 202.

CALLING/CARING SEMINAR

A reminder of the Calling/Caring Training Seminar hosted by Harbour Pointe Lutheran Church, Mukilteo, on the two weekends of **September 25-27 and October 2-4**. The trainer will be Pastor Arden Barden. Calling/Caring seminars train people for more effective listening and caring. These practical skills are applicable not only in visiting, but in other aspects of congregational life and ministry, especially in "welcoming the stranger" and follow-up outreach ministries.

Persons seeking more information may attend the introductory workshop, **Drop-Ins and Drop-outs: Caring and Your Congregation**, also at Harbour Pointe Lutheran on Sunday, **August 30,** from 2:00-5:00 p.m. (this is a date change from September 13). Participants will learn why visitors might not return, and why members drop out of active involvement.

Questions? Call Pastor Arden Barden, 271-0934 (Renton) or Carol Loges evenings, 742-3552 (Edmonds).

PREPARE ENRICH WORKSHOP

The Prepare Enrich Workshop offered by Lutheran Social Services is designed for any pastor or family therapist dealing with couples in preparation for marriage or marriage enrichment counseling. The Prepare Enrich program is a non-threatening tool used to assess relationship strengths, problematic areas, and to assist clergy and counselors in relating to couples more effectively.

The workshop is scheduled for Friday, **October 9**, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Lutheran Social Services office in Mountlake Terrace. Pre-registration is required before October 2, and the fee is $100. Call Marc Stroud, 672-6009.

CHURCH SECRETARIES SEMINAR

A seminar designed especially for church secrtaries is planned for Thursday, **October 15**, 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at Milwaukie Lutheran Church, 3810 SE Lake Road, Milwaukie, Oregon (a suburb of Portland). Co-hosted by a local planning committee and Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN, the seminar is open to church staff from all denominations. (continued next page)

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CHURCH SECRETARIES SEMINAR (cont.)

The major purposes of the seminar are to provide an opportunity for church secretaries and office staff to hear presentations on topics of Importance to them in their work and to meet colleagues from other churches. Topics to be explored include *The Challenge of Stress Management, Church Office Management, and Church Publications.* Cost is $25, which includes coffee, refreshment breaks, lunch, and registration materials.

Send registrations to Sharon Konsa, Oregon Synod–ELCA, 2801 N Gantenbein Ave, Portland, OR 97227; (503) 280-4191. Make checks payable to Oregon Synod--PACSS.

FALL SPEAKER SERIES IN EVERETT

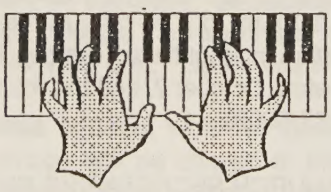
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Everett will hold its sixth annual **Fall Speaker Series** on **October 18-20**, featuring the Rev. Dr. **Mark Throntveit**, a lively and energetic teacher of Old Testament at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary. His theme with be ***Psalms: Songs in the Center of Life—Glad Songs, Sad Songs and Mad Songs***. A donation of $3.00 is suggested.

This year's **Brunch/Workshop** on Tuesday, **October 20**, for clergy and associates in ministry will be titled, ***Bibles, Bibles Everywhere, a Blessing in Disguise***. Dr. Throntveit will explore the marvelous diversity we presently enjoy with the various English translations of the Bible.

For information and directions, call 337-6663.

CHURCH MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES THIS FALL

Two occasions for church music and worship learning experiences are offered this fall. Each event offers a different kind of learning opportunity, and congregations are encouraged to take a close look at each of them.



Bridging the Gap: Looking Beyond "Traditional" and "Alternative" Worship, will be offered on Saturday, **October 17**, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Tacoma (across from Pacific Lutheran University). The featured speaker will be **Paul Westermeyer**, Professor of Church Music at Luther Northwestern Seminary.

Nine interest groups on a variety of topics will be offered. This event is sponsored by LITE, the Northwest Washington Synod and Southwestern Washington Synod Worship Committees, and the Worship Committee of the Northwest District/LC-MS.

Sing to the Lord a New Song, a conference on evangelizing through worship and music, is scheduled for **November 6-7** at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in south Seattle. Among the featured speakers are Dr. **Pat Klefert**, LNTS, and Mr. **Phil Reesness**, Calvary Lutheran Church, Golden Valley, MN. Twenty workshops will be offered, covering a variety of topics, such as music as a tool for evangelism, designing worship to reach the unchurched, relevant preaching, melting traditional and contemporary music, and drama within the worship service.

Co-sponsored by the Northwest Washington Synod Worship Committee and Prince of Peace Lutheran church, the cost is $80/person; each additional person from the same congregation, $40. Registration deadline is **October 6**. For more information about schedule, workshops, lodging, registration, etc., call 243-0987.

RESOURCES

LIFE ENRICHMENT EDUCATION AVAILABLE

Life Enrichment Education is a program of Lutheran Social Services which offers quality speakers for your church's education needs. They provide the knowledge, understanding and skills needed in helping your church members stay spiritually, physically, and emotionally healthy.

If you are planning events for your Sunday morning adult education hour, perhaps they can help. Call Marc Stroud, Coordinator, 672-6009, for information and a catalog.

"WELCOME THE CHILD" PROGRAM STILL AVAILABLE

The Synod Assembly adopted a resolution to encourage congregations to study, reflect, and then act on behalf of the children at risk in our society. We hope that all congregations will be able to respond this coming program year, or soon thereafter.

There are still openings for pilot congregations to be a part of the "Welcome the Child" program offered by Lutheran Social Services/Northwest Area. This program is intended to foster reflection on the needs of children and to encourage preventive investment in children before they get sick, drop out of school, suffer a family

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MORE RESOURCES

WELCOME THE CHILD (cont.)

breakdown, or get into trouble with drugs or the legal system. The program will help congregations and individuals to develop or strengthen plans for children's ministries and advoacy on behalf of children.

This primarily educational program will also provide extensive consultation and support to participating congregations to help them plan the year's activities around the theme of children at risk, and to suggest avenues of response by the congregation. It is a very flexible program, tailored to the needs and interests of your congregation. You may enter the cycle at any time during the year, or use just one or more speakers or videos at selected times of the year.

For additional information, please contact the Social Ministry Program of LSS, 672-6009.

ADULT EDUCATION

Buzz Kahn, Outreach and Fellowship Director, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Bellevue, is willing to teach any group in your congregation that may have an interest in his topics of interest. Among the topics he addresses are **Israel and His Adversaries, 3000 Years of History, and Biblical Perspectives...Thinking Hebrew.** Buzz is available for teaching after January, 1993. He's already getting booked up, so contact him at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 411-156 Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98007; 746-7300.

1993 LITURGICAL CALENDARS

The 1993 Lutheran Planning Calendar and the 1993 Liturgical Calendar are both available from Augsburg Fortress at this time. Each of these calendars is a helpful congregational resource. The Lutheran Planning Calendar is back by popular demand, 8 1/2" x 11", spiral bound, gold stamped cover, $11.95. The 1993 Liturgical Calendar may be ordered with or without the congregation's imprint. Call 800-426-0115 to order.

THE PROTESTANT HOUR

The Protestant Hour is publishing a new newsletter called ***Outreach***, which will help you locate a Protestant Hour station when you're away from home.

Also available in both written and recorded form is the entire series of ***The Classics***. Books are free, although a small donation for postage and printing would be appreciated. Cassettes are $7.50 each or $ 37.00 for a binder with all 12 messages. To order, write "The Classics", PRTVC, 1727 Clifton Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30329; or call (404) 634-3324.

TWO EVANGELISM TOOLS

Why Can't We Grow? We Can! and ***Seven Steps and You Will Grow***, both written by the Rev. Neal R. Boese, are evangelism tools for church councils, pastors, and evangelism committees. Pastor Boese has served congregations in Texas, Nebraska, and Kentucky. He was a Pastor Evangelist in the LCA and Director of Evangelism in the Michigan Synod-LCA. He leads evangelism workshops and seminars throughout the country.

For more information on how to order these books, write to Seven Steps Ministries, P O Box 18036, Erlanger, KY 41018.

SEMINARS ON STEWARDSHIP AND LIFESTYLE

Lutheran Laity Movement for Stewardship would like you to know about their **Seminar on Stewardship and Lifestyle**, available to individual congregations. The seminar is most successful when presented to a diverse audience, including congregational leaders of all ages and other interested laity. This one-day event will help congregational members take a look at what it means to be a steward in the decade of the 90's within the context of their congregation and the world.

To schedule a seminar, write to Lutheran Laity Movement for Stewardship, 8765 West Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631-4181, or call (800) 638-3522, ext. 2785.

WANT ADS

LBI FACULTY

Lutheran Bible Institute, Issaquah, announces an opening for **Teaching Faculty** (full-time) in the discipline of **Evangelism, Cross-cultural Studies, and Urban Ministry**; Salary range $25,000-$31,000 plus benefits. Must apply **by December 1, 1992**; final selection May 15, 1993; position begins Fall Quarter, 1993. For application form, contact Dr. Robert Moylan, 392-0400.

MORE WANT ADS

NURSERY ATTENDANT

Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Seattle, is taking applications for a Sunday morning nursery attendant. Hours: 8:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. during the school year; 9:45-11:30 a.m. during the summer. For an application, phone the church office, 682-3620.

OFFICE ASSISTANT

Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Seattle, is seeking an office assistant to work on Fridays only (8 hours). Must have computer skills (Word Perfect preferred). For an application or more information, phone the church office, 682-3620.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Lutheran Social Services, Northwest Area has a .75 FTE position open for a Program Director for Divorce Lifeline. Requires master's degree plus certification, and counseling experience. Duties include supervision, public relations, program development and fiscal management. Monthly salary $1,750-$1,900, depending on experience. Send resume to Lutheran Social Services, 6920 - 220 St SW, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043. Position **closes August 25**.

PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

Glendale Evangelical Lutheran Church, Seattle, is seeking a Preschool Director to coordinate and direct an established preschool. Call 244-9400 or 248-2934 for job description, salary, and application.

PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST

The **Regional Office** located at Denny Park Lutheran Church, Seattle, has an opening for a part-time (20 hours/week) receptionist to begin in mid-September. In additional to general office skills, applicants must have good verbal and telephone skills, ability to meet the public, be detail oriented, be comfortable with staff routine and working in a church environment, and be involved in a local congregation. Call 624-0093 to request an application. Deadline to apply **September 1**.

PART-TIME JANITOR/CUSTODIAN

Faith Lutheran Church, Seattle, in the north University area has an opening for a part-time Janitor/Custodian for church cleaning and general building maintenance; 12 hours/week at $7.50/hour. Some institutional custodial experience required. Call 523-9636 for more information.

RELIEF COTTAGE PARENTS

St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Nevada, a non-profit, non-sectarian facility for the care of homeless children and adjudicated youth, has a current need for Relief Cottage Parents. This position is a full-time, live-in profession. Married couples with no children living at home. Christian family values, a desire to guide young people, patience and a sense of humor, and a willingness to relocate to southern Nevada would be cottage parents for eight abused and neglected children. Couples would receive $110/day, 12 days annual leave, 7 holidays, medical and dental insurance, board and room while on duty. For more information, contact St. Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St. Jude's Street, P O Box 985, Boulder City, NV 89005-0985; (702) 293-3131.

ORGANIST

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Seattle, is looking for an Organist. The position could be expanded to include the entire music program for the church. Applications including a list of references and experience may be sent to the Musical Research Committee, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 4040 - S 188, Seatac, WA 98188; 243-4283. Position is available as of September 1.

ORGAN AVAILABLE

Contact Pastor Martin Taylor, Central Lutheran Church, Morton, WA, 496-5773, if you are interested in a very reliable Allen one-pedal electric organ with two large rotating speakers.

SYNOD/REGIONAL FAMILY

We remember in prayer the family of Pastor **Bill Thoresen**, who passed away July 12. After retiring from full-time ministry in 1979, Pastor Thoresen was then called into finance ministry for the North Pacific District, ALC, prior to serving as administrative assistant to the Bishop of the Pacific Northwest Synod, LCA. Bill was the first treasurer of the Southwestern Washington Synod, ELCA. Blessed be the memory of a faithful servant . . . **Ted Hutchinson** is recuperating well from his surgeries and is back to work in the Regional Office on a limited basis . . . **Sharon Clowers** of the Southwestern Washington Synod Office is recovering from recent surgery . . . Be sure to catch the piece written by our synod correspondent to THE LUTHERAN, **Norm Folkers**, in the ***Letters*** section of the August issue, on what we call our national church body . . .

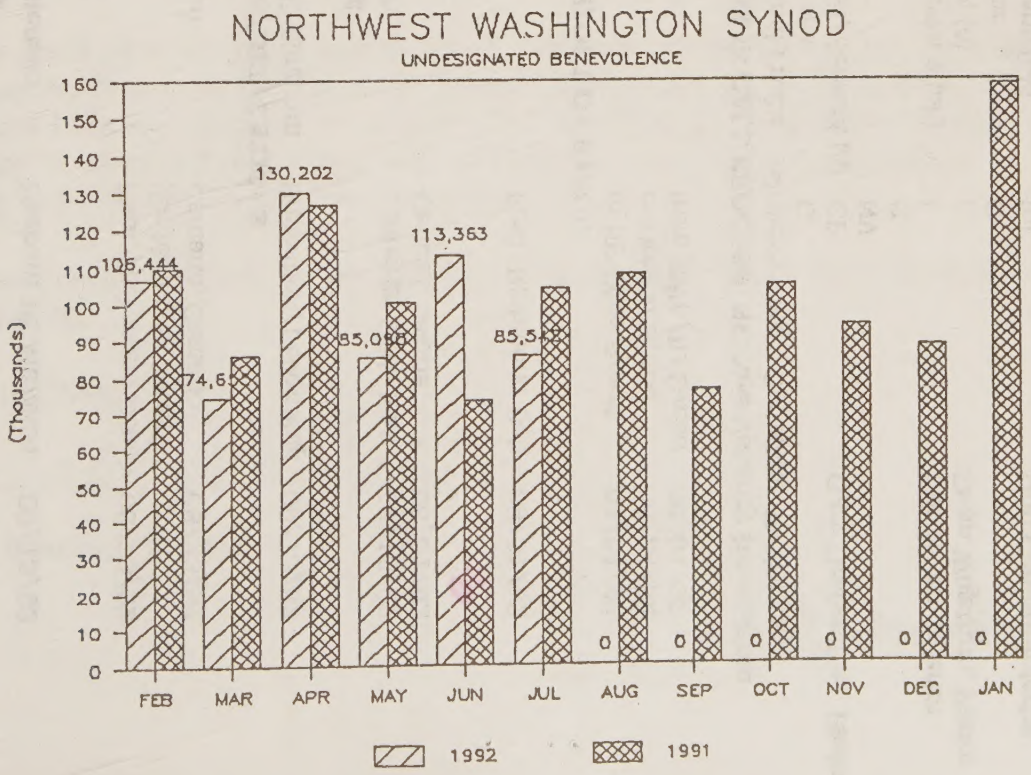
TREASURER'S REPORT
GENERAL FUND
FIRST HALF ENDING JULY 31, 1992

At the Synod Assembly I reported that undesignated benevolences from congregations through mid-June were within $600 of the level of giving a year ago. Late June continued strong and by the end of five months undesignated receipts were 2.8 per cent better than a year ago. July, however, was substantially lower than in last year so that, after six months, total Synod revenue trails last year's experience by $(3,217). Our 1992 revenue budget is $8,200 greater than last year's actual.

An update to the intent statement comment in May's Soundings now shows that 111 of our 116 Synod congregations responded compared to 95 congregations last year. A welcomed increased response. The Synod's staff sincerely thanks you for this effort. In 1991, actual giving by congregations averaged 91.4 % of their intended amount. Applying this same experience factor to 1992 intent amounts in total would reflect a $(15,000) shortfall from the budget approved at the 1991 Synod Assembly.

Total disbursements after six months are $5,245 less than the straight-line budget. This is principally due to lower than budgeted levels of expenditures in programatic areas of $6,016.

	CONGREGATIONS REMITTING	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIATIONS FAV-(UNFAV)
Revenues:				
First Qtr (Feb-Apr)	103	$ 316,361	$ 312,500	$ 3,861
Second Qtr(May-Jul)	96	286,738	312,500	(25,762)
Total Revenues	108	$ 603,099	$ 625,000	$ (21,901)
Total Disbursements		$ 619,755	$ 625,000	$ 5,245
Total Revenues over(under) Disbursements		$ (16,656)	$ -0-	$ (16,656)



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AUGUST
- 20-23 Youth Leadership Training School, LBI
- 21-23 Retreat Leader Training, LOMA
- 25 Executive Committee, St. John, Seattle, 7:30 a.m.
- 27 Stewardship Committee, 3:00 pm

SEPTEMBER
- 7 HOLIDAY–SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED
- 8 Finance Committee, 6:00 pm, Prince of Peace N, Seattle
- 9 Executive Committee, 7:30 am, St John, Seattle
- 16 Cluster Deans, 10:00 am, St John, Seattle
- 19 Synod Council, 8:30 am, St James, Seattle
- 21-22 Training on Prevention of Clergy Sexual Abuse
- 24 Ecumenical Commission, 12:15 p.m., St John, Seattle
- 26 NWWA Synod Women of the ELCA Convention, Christ the King, Snohomish, 8:30 am
- 26 Leadership Support Committee, 9:00 am, Trinity, Lynnwood
- 26 Handicapping Conditions Committee, Prince of Peace, Everett, 9 am
- 29 Youth Committee, 5:00 pm, Trinity, Lynnwood
- 29 Worship Committee, St. Matthew's, Edmonds, 7:00 pm

AUGUST
1992

CALLS ACCEPTED LP=Lead Pastor A=Associate Y=Youth Pastor

None this month

AIM APPOINTMENT(S) ACCEPTED

None this month

INSTALLATIONS

Thomas G. Christensen	Harbour Pt, Mukilteo	09/13/92

ORDINATION(S)

Mark K. Liscom	First, Richmond Beach (for Nebraska Synod)	08/23/92
Joanne S. Pearson	Camano, Camano	08/23/92

ANNIVERSARIES/DEDICATIONS

Christ/Servant, Bellingham	Education/Fellowship	09/13/92

RESIGNATION(S)

Janelle D. Aldrich	Lutheran Bible Inst	07/15/92
Linda C. Larson	Central, Seattle	08/01/92

RETIREMENTS

Ray K. Lester	First, Richmond Bch	09/01/92

TRANSFER(S) IN/OUT OF SYNOD

Phillip F. Kunder	to NE Ohio Synod	08/01/92
Susan L. Kyllo	to Oregon Synod	06/24/92
Marlon Voxland	from EWA/ID Synod	06/01/92

CONGREGATIONS IN CALL PROCESS NV=New Vacancy Int=Interim
CP=Congregational Profile I=Interviewing C=Calling V=Vacancy

Bellevue, Holy Cross	C	
Bellingham, Christ/Servant (A)	CP	Gary Grafwallner, Pasto
Clinton, St. Peter	NV	
Ferndale, Zion	C	
Issaquah, Our Savior's (LP)	I	Bob Rolko, Interim
Salem, Mt Vernon (A)	I	Dean Wigstrom, Pastor
Seattle, Foss Home	C	
Seattle, Gethsemane (LP)	Int	Don Clinton, Interim
Seattle, Lakeridge	CP	Lothar Pietz, Interim
Seattle, Prince/Peace So	NV	
Seattle, Queen Anne	CP	Randall Bullo, Interim
Sedro Woolley, Bethlehem (A)	CP	Gene Bradbury, Pastor
Startup, Shepherd/Valley	V	
Woodinville, Wooden Cross	I	Sonja Johnson, Interim